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# H. CON. RES. 124

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should suspend the proposed sale of the Army Tactical Missile System to the Government of Turkey until that Government improves its human rights record and terminates its embargo of Armenia and progress is made to resolve the conflict on Cyprus.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 21, 1995

Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. PALLONE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should suspend the proposed sale of the Army Tactical Missile System to the Government of Turkey until that Government improves its human rights record and terminates its embargo of Armenia and progress is made to resolve the conflict on Cyprus.

Whereas the Government of Turkey continues to pursue a brutal military campaign against the Kurdish people in the southeast region of Turkey;

Whereas, as part of that campaign, thousands have been killed, more than 2,000 villages have been destroyed, and millions have become homeless;

Whereas the Government of Turkey continues to impose an unlawful embargo on Armenia which has had the effect of increasing the cost of United States assistance programs in Armenia;

Whereas the obdurate policies of the Government of Turkey are preventing a just resolution to the decades-old conflict on Cyprus;

Whereas both Greece and the United States have taken fair and innovative positions to break the deadlock over the conflict on Cyprus but progress has been blocked by the Government of Turkey on each occasion;

Whereas the Army Tactical Missile System is a highly advanced weapon system developed by the United States, designed for use against artillery and air defense and maneuver elements;

Whereas evidence exists that strongly links the Government of Turkey to unauthorized transfers of United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organization weapons to the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Whereas the Army Tactical Missile System is a highly coveted weapon system that the United States offers to sell to very few countries; and

Whereas the United States has a right and an obligation to condition the sale of the Army Tactical Missile System to another country based on that country's respect for basic human rights: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
- 3 President should suspend the proposed sale of the Army

1 Tactical Missile System to the Government of Turkey

2 until—

3 (1) such Government improves its human rights

4 record and terminates its embargo of Armenia; and

5 (2) progress is made to resolve the conflict on

6 Cyprus.

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